

## **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SIAP**

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On behalf of the Turkish Statistical Institute, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to SIAP on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

SIAP has been one of the leading actors in statistical area in both regional and international means since its foundation in 1970. It goes without saying that much has changed in the economic and financial system in the last 40 years, especially with the advent of globalization. There is simply much more capacity-building work to be done than in the past, as country needs respond more rapidly to the opportunities and pressures of globalizing markets.

In this context, forty years of successful service is a significant milestone for any organization. SIAP can undoubtedly boast that it has contributed to capacity building in the region's NSOs by providing valuable training to statistical staff in the region.

Therefore, on behalf of my Institution, I would like to express my pleasure of being a partner of this precious statistical network. I am pleased to express our special thanks to Ms. Davaasuren, Director of SIAP for her vigorous efforts to promote SIAP activities.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the productive relationship between TurkStat and SIAP over the past years and hope earnest for the continuation of fruitful cooperation and good relationship between our offices.